

changing the boundary would "contribute to enhancement of public service as well as more efficient administration of Federal lands and would be of benefit to the landowner in that it would eliminate the necessity of dealing with two separate Federal agencies with different congressional mandates and administrative procedures."

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wall's property lies beside Lake Chelan, and the current border cuts through the lake and directly through his property. In order to adjust the border in the most efficient manner, H.R. 3520 would adjust the line starting on the opposite side of the lake toward the northern point of Mr. Wall's land. From there, the new border would wrap around Mr. Wall's property and back to the current border. This change would mean that 65 acres of the lake and 23 acres of Mr. Wall's property would now be outside the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. All told, 88 acres would be transferred to the Wenatchee National Forest. I might point out that the 65 acres of Lake Chelan that will hereinafter be within the National Forest system will not affect the recreational use of the area.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wall has waited for nearly three decades for the Federal Government to address this situation.

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He is now in poor health, and his family has asked that we might make this adjustment as quickly as possible. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and uphold the original commitment made to Mr. Wall when the boundary was drawn in 1968, 30 years ago.

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, this legislation proposes to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area in the State of Washington to exclude 88 acres. Currently a private landowner is subject to dual jurisdiction by the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. This bill in effect would place the lands in the Wenatchee National Forest, which is solely administered by the U.S. Forest Service. Both the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) as the chief sponsor of this legislation and for bringing this matter to the attention of the House, and I do urge the adoption of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I have no more requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, but I do

want to commend the gentlewoman from Idaho for her management of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Utah (Mrs. CHENOWETH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3520.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3520, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

#### NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK TO FREEDOM ACT OF 1998

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1635) to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1635

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998".*

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Underground Railroad, which flourished from the end of the 18th century to the end of the Civil War, was one of the most significant expressions of the American civil rights movement during its evolution over more than 3 centuries.

(2) The Underground Railroad bridged the divides of race, religion, sectional differences, and nationality; spanned State lines and international borders; and joined the American ideals of liberty and freedom expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution to the extraordinary actions of ordinary men and women working in common purpose to free a people.

(3) Pursuant to title VI of Public Law 101-628 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5 note; 104 Stat. 4495), the Underground Railroad Advisory Committee conducted a study of the appropriate means of establishing an enduring national commemorative Underground Railroad program of education, example, reflection, and reconciliation.

(4) The Underground Railroad Advisory Committee found that—

(A) although a few elements of the Underground Railroad story are represented in existing National Park Service units and other sites,

many sites are in imminent danger of being lost or destroyed, and many important resource types are not adequately represented and protected;

(B) there are many important sites which have high potential for preservation and visitor use in 29 States, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands;

(C) no single site or route completely reflects and characterizes the Underground Railroad, since its story and associated resources involve networks and regions of the country rather than individual sites and trails; and

(D) establishment of a variety of partnerships between the Federal Government and other levels of government and the private sector would be most appropriate for the protection and interpretation of the Underground Railroad.

(5) The National Park Service can play a vital role in facilitating the national commemoration of the Underground Railroad.

(6) The story and significance of the Underground Railroad can best engage the American people through a national program of the National Park Service that links historic buildings, structures, and sites; routes, geographic areas, and corridors; interpretive centers, museums, and institutions; and programs, activities, community projects, exhibits, and multimedia materials, in a manner that is both unified and flexible.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are the following:

(1) To recognize the importance of the Underground Railroad, the sacrifices made by those who used the Underground Railroad in search of freedom from tyranny and oppression, and the sacrifices made by the people who helped them.

(2) To authorize the National Park Service to coordinate and facilitate Federal and non-Federal activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret the history of the Underground Railroad, its significance as a crucial element in the evolution of the national civil rights movement, and its relevance in fostering the spirit of racial harmony and national reconciliation.

#### SEC. 3. NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK TO FREEDOM PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall establish in the National Park Service a program to be known as the "National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom" (in this Act referred to as the "national network"). Under the program, the Secretary shall—

(1) produce and disseminate appropriate educational materials, such as handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, or electronic information;

(2) enter into appropriate cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding to provide technical assistance under subsection (c); and

(3) create and adopt an official, uniform symbol or device for the national network and issue regulations for its use.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The national network shall encompass the following elements:

(1) All units and programs of the National Park Service determined by the Secretary to pertain to the Underground Railroad.

(2) Other Federal, State, local, and privately owned properties pertaining to the Underground Railroad that have a verifiable connection to the Underground Railroad and that are included on, or determined by the Secretary to be eligible for inclusion on, the National Register of Historic Places.

(3) Other governmental and nongovernmental facilities and programs of an educational, research, or interpretive nature that are directly related to the Underground Railroad.

(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—To achieve the purposes of this Act and to ensure effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal elements of the national network referred to in subsection (b) with National Park Service units and programs, the Secretary may enter into cooperative